2012 Annual Report South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby files this report with the South Dakota Secretary of the Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and when appropriate, conducting case hearings regarding complaints against teachers. The Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action which may be implemented by the appropriate governing body against a member of the teaching profession if the member has been determined by the Commission to have violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission must file a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2012, the Commission met on five occasions and reviewed five new complaints. The Commission held two hearings. One matter was referred to the Secretary of the Department of Education for revocation; one matter was referred to the Secretary of Education for suspension. One case received disciplinary action. Three complaints remained pending at the end of 2012.

Chairman

Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission